1	2	3	4	5	6
11.	Bank of India	12983	212.28	16767	286.00
12.	Bank of Baroda	15174	204.61	15184	276.27
13.	Bank of Maharashtra	3391	55.08	4307	82.30
14.	Canara Bank	43483	327.00	71739	379.00
15.	Central Bank of India	4232	72.49	8926	129.61
16.	Corporation Bank	11037	74.54	12953	59.54
17.	Dena Bank	4091	54.67	3478	52.55
18.	Indian Bank	24809	260.14	31141	352.25
19.	Indian Overseas Bank	15558	131.65	15912	169.49
20.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	5643	75.92	7635	128.94
21.	Punjab National Bank	13135	427.80	18976	647.68
22.	Punjab and Sind Bank	1588	36.79	1731	53.71
23.	Syndicate Bank	13283	168.37	20781	240.40
24.	UCO Bank	3932	61.08	4589	71.85
25.	Union Bank of India	12046	109.66	12210	139.94
26.	United Bank of India *	7718	80.76	2727	49.80
27.	Vijaya Bank	4641	58.50	5504	73.07
	TOTAL:	319394	3788.97	383382	4906.75

* Data for 2006-07 is up to Dec. 2006.

Hawala money transactions

989. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the hawala money transactions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken to prevent that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Number of Show Cause Notices with amounts involved in which transfer of money has taken place in contravention of provisions of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) by the Hawala route during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. Lakhs)

Year	No. of Show Cause Notices	Amount involved
2004-05	285	125234.10
2005-06	498	38272.42
2006-07	380	10881.45

(c) Constant vigil is maintained and appropriate action as warranted under the law is taken in all such cases of hawala money transactions.

Setting up of specialized wholesale banking company

990. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to set up a specialized wholesale banking company in a separate country with a mature financial system in order to give a shape to the idea of using the burgeoning forex reserves for country's infrastructure development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Government has proposed to set up a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) in a separate country with a mature financial system in order to give a shape to the idea of using the burgeoning forex reserves for country's infrastructure development. Government is examining the legal and regulatory aspects in consultation with RBI and the details have not yet been chalked out.

Opening of bank branches in minority concentrated areas

991. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Mininter of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI has identified various minority concentrated areas to permit opening of more branches;

(b) the number of minority populated areas which RBI has identified;

(c) the number of branches which have been authorized to open;

(d) the number of such branches which will be opened in minority populated areas giving figure for 2007-08; and

(e) the incentives being given to banks to open branches to help minorities wanting to avail loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. In its circular dated 16.07.2007, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a consolidated list of 121 minority concentration districts, having at least 25% of minority population, to Scheduled Commercial Banks specially for monitoring credit flow to minorities.